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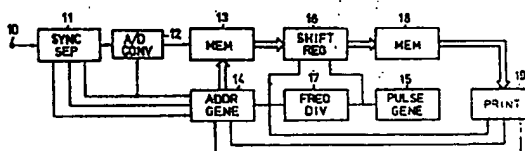
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⑤④ **Picture information processing system.**

⑤⑦ A picture information processing system processes a picture information so that a printing area of each of dots constituting a picture is variably set depending on printing areas of the dots surrounding each dot. The picture information processing system comprises a memory (18) for pre-storing an optimum printing area of a dot for each of dot patterns. The optimum printing area of one dot is obtained depending on the printing areas of the dots surrounding the one dot, and the optimum printing area is obtained for each of the dot patterns which are formed by the one and the surrounding dots.



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PICTURE INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM

The present invention generally relates to picture information processing systems, and more particularly to a picture information processing system which processes a picture information so that oblique lines and the like in a picture will not be printed as unnaturally-looking staircase lines but will be smoothened and printed as smooth lines.

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Conventionally, there is a known picture information processing system for processing a picture information so that the picture information can be printed in the form of a dot matrix. However, when the picture information which is processed in the conventional picture information processing system is printed by use of an output device such as a printer, a straight oblique line in a picture, for example, will actually be printed as an unnaturally-looking staircase line. Hence, in the case where the resolution of the output device is poor, the printed picture will look unnatural.

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Accordingly, in another conventional picture information processing system, picture elements constituting the picture are respectively divided into a 3 x 3 dot matrix, for example, and processed. In this case, data of the nine dots making up one picture element are respectively corrected depending on data of the picture elements surrounding the one picture element. In other words, the nine dots making up the one picture element are selectively printed depending on the data of the picture elements surrounding the one picture element so that even a straight oblique line in the picture, for example, is

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1 printed as a smooth straight line. According to this
other conventional picture information processing system,
the oblique line in the picture is smoothened to a certain
extent and printed as a more naturally-looking line.

5 However, compared to the case where one picture element is
printed by use of one dot, nine dots are used in the above
example to print one picture element. Thus, in the above
example, it becomes necessary to employ an output device
having a resolution which is three times the resolution
10 required to print the one picture element by use of one
dot. As a result, the circuit construction of a circuit
which processes the picture information becomes complex,
and there is a problem in that an expensive output device
having a high resolution must be employed.

15 Accordingly, it is a general object of the present
invention to provide a novel and useful picture
information processing system in which the problems
described heretofore are eliminated.

20 Another and more specific object of the present invention
is to provide a picture information processing system
which processes a picture information so that a printing
area of each of dots constituting a picture is variably
25 set depending on printing areas of the dots surrounding
each dot. According to the picture information processing
system of the present invention, even an oblique line in
the picture, for example, can be smoothened and printed as
a smooth naturally-looking line. In addition, in the case
30 where an output device having the same resolution as that
of an output device employed with a conventional picture
information processing system is employed, it is possible
to obtain a picture which looks extremely smooth and

- 1 natural compared to the picture obtained in the
conventional case. In other words, it is possible to
print a satisfactory picture which does not look
unnatural, without employing an output device having a
5 high resolution. In such a case where an output device
not having a high resolution is employed, the circuit
construction of a circuit which processes the picture
information becomes simple.
- 10 Still another object of the present invention is to
provide a picture information processing system which
comprises memory means for pre-storing an optimum printing
area of a dot for each of dot patterns. The optimum
printing area of one dot is obtained depending on printing
15 areas of the dots surrounding the one dot, and the optimum
printing area is obtained for each of the dot patterns
which are formed by the one and the surrounding dots.
According to the picture information processing system of
the present invention, the optimum printing area of the
20 one dot is read out from the memory means depending on the
dot pattern formed by the one and the surrounding dots.
Hence, it is possible to print a satisfactory picture
which does not look unnatural by use of a circuit having a
simple circuit construction.
- 25 Other objects and further features of the present
invention will be apparent from the following detailed
description when read in conjunction with the accompanying
drawings.
- 30 FIGS. 1A through 1C are diagrams for respectively
explaining an arrangement of picture elements (dots)
constituting a picture, data of the dots, and

1 printing areas of the dots;
 FIGS.2A through 2C are diagrams for respectively
 explaining a method of determining a printing area of
 a center dot according to a dot pattern formed by the
5 center and surrounding dots;
 FIGS.3 and 4 are diagrams for respectively explaining
 combinations of dots having different diameters;
 FIGS.5A and 5B are diagrams for respectively
 explaining a printing of an oblique line in the
10 picture by use of picture information processed by
 the picture information processing system according
 to the present invention;
 FIG.6 is a system block diagram showing an embodiment
 of the picture information processing system
15 according to the present invention;
 FIG.7 is a system block diagram showing a concrete
 embodiment of an essential part of the block system
 shown in FIG.6;
 FIG.8 shows an embodiment of contents of a table
20 stored in a read only memory within the block system
 shown in FIG.7; and
 FIG.9 is a diagram for explaining an application of
 the present invention to a system which divides one
 picture element into a plurality of dots and prints
25 the one picture element by selectively printing the
 plurality of dots.

 FIG.1A shows a part of a picture which is to be printed,
 and in FIG.1A, picture elements (dots) A through X which
30 constitute a part of the picture are represented by square
 blocks for convenience' sake. FIG.1B shows an example of
 the dots which are to be printed in correspondence with
 FIG.1A, and in FIG.1B, the dots which are to be printed

1 are represented by "1" and the dots which are not to be
printed are represented by "0". When it is assumed that
the printing areas of the dots which are to be printed are
constant, an unwanted gap may be formed between adjacent
5 dots, and moreover, an oblique line in the picture will be
printed as an unnaturally-looking staircase line. As a
result, the printed picture will look unnatural. Thus, in
the picture information processing system according to the
present invention, the printing area of each dot is
10 variably set depending on a dot pattern which is formed by
each dot and the dots surrounding each dot.

The present inventor obtained by simulations performed on
a simulator how the area of a center dot should be set
15 depending on the dot pattern which is formed by the center
and the surrounding dots. When it is assumed for
convenience' sake that each dot has one of four possible
printing areas which are a large area, a medium area, a
small area, and zero, it was found by the simulation that
20 an oblique line in the picture is smoothened and a
naturally-looking printed picture is obtainable when a
center dot in a dot pattern shown in FIG.2A has the small
printing area. In the case of a dot pattern shown in
FIG.2B, it was found that an unwanted gap will not be
25 formed between adjacent dots and a naturally-looking
printed picture is obtainable when the center dot has the
medium printing area. In addition, in the case of a dot
pattern shown in FIG.2C, it was found that a
naturally-looking printed picture is obtainable when the
30 center dot has the large printing area. Similarly, an
optimum printing area of the center dot was obtained for
all of the dot patterns.

1 Next, description will be given with respect to the pitch
 (interval) and the radius of the dots. Paying attention
 to the dots F, K, and O in FIG.1A, it is seen from FIG.1B
 that a part connecting the dots F and O is important in
 5 smoothening the oblique line in the printed picture. A
 printing radius r_F with which the dot F is to be printed
 (hereinafter simply referred to as the radius r_F of the
 dot F) is determined by the surrounding dots A, B, C, E,
 G, I, J, and K. That is, the radius r_F of the dot F is
 10 determined by a dot datum $d_F = (ABC, EFG, IJK) = (110\ 010\ 011)$.
 On the other hand, a radius r_O of the dot O is
 similarly determined by a dot datum $d_O = (JKL\ NOP\ RST) =$
 $(110\ 010\ 011)$. Since the dot datum d_F is equal to the dot
 datum d_O , the radius r_F is equal to the radius r_O . When
 15 the pitch (interval) between centers of the dots is
 represented by p , the following equation (1) must stand in
 order for the dot F to make contact with the dot O.

$$r_F^2 = r_O^2 \geq [p^2 + (2p)^2]/4 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

From the above equation (1), $r_F = r_O \geq (\sqrt{5}/2)p \approx 1.12p$,
 20 and the radii r_F and r_O in this case are equal to a large
 radius $r_{(l)}$ for obtaining the large printing area.

As shown in FIG.3, in order to smoothen the connection
 between the dots F and O and the connection between the
 25 dots K and O, a common tangent l_{FK} of the dots F and K and
 a common tangent l_{KO} of the dots K and O should coincide.
 In order for the two tangents l_{FK} and l_{KO} to coincide, the
 following equation (2) must stand, where r_K represents the
 radius of the dot K.

$$30 \quad [(p/2)^2 - (r_F - r_K)^2]^{1/2} + [p^2 - (r_O - r_K)^2]^{1/2} = p\sqrt{5} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Because $r_F = r_O = (\sqrt{5}/2)p$ as described before, it is
 possible to obtain from the equation (2) that $r_K =$

1 $(3\sqrt{5}/10)p \approx 0.67p$, and the radius r_K in this case is equal to a small radius $r_{(s)}$ for obtaining the small printing area.

5 Further, a medium radius $r_{(m)}$ for obtaining the medium printing area should be selected to such a value that a gap is not formed between the adjacent dots even when three adjacent dots all have the small radius $r_{(s)}$ as shown in FIG.4, and in this case, the following equation
10 (3) should stand.

$$[p - (r_{(s)}^2 - (p/2)^2)^{1/2}]^2 + (p/2)^2 \leq r_{(m)}^2 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

From the above equation (3), $r_{(m)} \geq [(29 - 8\sqrt{5})/20]^{1/2} p \approx 0.75p$.

15 Therefore, it is seen that a ratio of the dot radii $r_{(l)}$, $r_{(m)}$, and $r_{(s)}$ should be selected to $r_{(l)}:r_{(m)}:r_{(s)}$ 11.2:7.5:6.7.

20 As described heretofore, the printing area of each dot is set to the optimum printing area depending on the printing areas of the dots surrounding each dot. Hence, the dots shown in FIG.1B are printed with the printing areas shown in FIG.1C, for example, where "3", "2", "1", and "0" in
25 FIG.1C respectively represent the large, medium, small, and zero printing areas (that is, the dot radii are $r_{(l)}$, $r_{(m)}$, $r_{(s)}$, and zero).

Accordingly, even the data which are printed as shown in
30 FIG.5A when the dots are all printed with the same printing area, are printed as shown in FIG.5B by processing the picture information according to the picture information processing system of the present

1 invention. As may be seen by comparing FIGS.5A and 5B,
the printing area of each dot is controlled depending on
the areas of the dots surrounding each dot so that the
connection of the dots is smoothened.

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Next, description will be given with respect to an
embodiment of the picture information processing system
according to the present invention by referring to a block
system shown in FIG.6. A composite video signal is
10 applied to an input terminal 10 and is supplied to a
synchronizing signal separating circuit 11. The
synchronizing signal separating circuit 11 has a known
circuit construction. The synchronizing signal separating
circuit 11 separates horizontal and vertical synchronizing
15 signals from the composite video signal and also generates
a predetermined clock signal based on the separated
synchronizing signals. An output video signal of the
synchronizing signal separating circuit 11 is supplied to
an analog-to-digital (A/D) converting circuit 12 and is
20 converted into a digital video signal which describes the
picture information in a binary format. The output
digital video signal of the A/D converting circuit 12 is
supplied to a picture information memory 13, and the
memory 13 stores the picture information corresponding to
25 one picture, for example. On the other hand, the
horizontal and vertical synchronizing signals and the
clock signal from the synchronizing signal separating
circuit 11 are supplied to an address generating circuit
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A pulse generating circuit 15 generates a first clock
pulse and supplies the first clock pulse to a shift
register circuit 16 and a frequency divider 17. The

1 frequency divider 17 produces a second clock pulse by
frequency-dividing the first clock pulse, and this second
clock pulse is supplied to the shift register circuit 16,
the address generating circuit 14, and a printer 19 which
5 will be described later on in the specification. A page
synchronizing signal and a line synchronizing signal from
the printer 19 are also supplied to the address generating
circuit 14. Hence, based on the horizontal and vertical
synchronizing signals and the clock signal, the address
10 generating circuit 14 successively generates write-in
addresses for writing into the memory 13 the picture
information corresponding to one picture, for example. On
the other hand, based on the page and line synchronizing
signals and the second clock pulse, the address generating
15 circuit 15 successively generates read-out addresses for
reading out from the memory 13 a datum of one dot and data
of the dots surrounding the one dot. As a result, the
data of the dots A, B, C, E, F, G, I, J, and K shown in
FIG.1A are successively read out from the memory 13, for
20 example, and are supplied to the shift register circuit
16.

The shift register circuit 16 supplies the data from the
memory 13 to a memory 18 as a parallel datum constituted
25 by the data of the one and the surrounding dots. The
memory 18 pre-stores therein in the form of a table the
optimum printing areas of the dots which are dependent on
the dot patterns and are obtained by the simulation and
the calculation described before. Thus, a printing datum
30 in the table within the memory 18 is read out from the
memory 18 according to the output parallel datum of the
shift register circuit 16 describing the dot pattern, and
the read out printing datum is supplied to the printer 19.

1 The printer 19 prints the dot with the printing area
described by the printing datum read out from the memory
18, with a timing determined by the output second clock
pulse of the frequency divider 17.

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A known printer may be used for the printer 19. The
printer 19 needs to have such a construction that the
printing area of the dot can be controlled, that is, the
printing density of the dot can be controlled. For
10 example, a thermal printer disclosed in a United States
Patent No.4,536,771 may be used for the printer 19.
However, the printer 19 is not limited to the thermal
printer, and other types of printers may be used.

15 FIG.7 shows a concrete embodiment of an essential part of
the block system shown in FIG.6. In FIG.7, those parts
which are the same as those corresponding parts in FIG.6
are designated by the same reference numerals. The memory
13 comprises random access memories (RAMs) 27 and 29 and a
20 latch circuit 28. The address generating circuit 14
comprises counters 31 and 33, a data selector 32, and NAND
circuits 34 and 35. The shift register circuit 16
comprises shift registers 37 and 38 and a latch circuit
39. A read only memory (ROM) 18a is used for the memory
25 18.

For convenience' sake, it will be assumed that the
printing area of one dot is determined by a 3 x 3 dot
pattern and that the printing area of the dot is one of
30 four kinds of printing areas which are large, medium,
small, and zero. A 1-bit digital dot datum from the A/D
converter 12 is applied in series to an input terminal 21.
A read/write signal which indicates whether the dot datum

1 is to be read out or written is applied to an input
terminal 22. The clock signal and the horizontal and and
vertical synchronizing signals from the synchronizing
signal separating circuit 11 are respectively applied to
5 input terminals 23 through 25.

When writing in the dot datum, the data selector 32
selectively supplies to the counter 31 the signals from
the input terminals 23 through 25 responsive to the
10 read/write signal. An inverted signal of the read/write
signal and the clock signal from the input terminal 23 are
supplied to the NAND circuit 34, and an output signal of
the NAND circuit 34 is supplied to a write enable terminal
 \overline{WE} of the RAM 27. Hence, the counter 31 supplies to an
15 address terminal ADDR of the RAM 27 an address signal
which designates the write-in address, and the dot datum
from the input terminal 21 is written into the designated
write-in address within the RAM 27 in synchronism with the
clock signal. In this manner, the serial dot data from
20 the input terminal 21 corresponding to one picture, for
example, are stored in the RAM 27.

On the other hand, when reading out the dot datum, the
data selector 32 selectively supplies to the counter 31
25 the second clock pulse from the frequency divider 17 and
the page and line synchronizing signals from the printer
19 responsive to the read/write signal. In the present
embodiment, the frequency divider 17 frequency-divides the
first clock pulse from the pulse generating circuit 15 by
30 $1/3$ and produces the second clock pulse. The counter 31
supplies to the address terminal ADDR of the RAM 27 an
address signal which is in synchronism with the second
clock pulse and designates the read-out address, and the

1 dot datum read out from the designated read-out address
within the RAM 27 is supplied to a first bit input
terminal D1 of the latch circuit 28. In this state, the
second clock pulse is supplied to a clock terminal CLK of
5 the latch circuit 28, and a datum from a first bit output
terminal Q1 of the latch circuit 28 is supplied to a first
bit input terminal I1 of the RAM 29 and the shift register
37. In addition, the counter 33 is supplied with the
second clock pulse and the line synchronizing signal, and
10 supplies to an address terminal ADDR of the RAM 29 an
address signal which designates an address within the RAM
29. The NAND circuit 35 is supplied with the read/write
signal and the second clock pulse, and an output signal of
the NAND circuit 35 is supplied to a write enable terminal
15 \overline{WE} of the RAM 29. Accordingly, the datum from the first
bit output terminal Q1 of the latch circuit 28 is written
into the RAM 29 in synchronism with the output signal
of the NAND circuit 35 at the address which is designated
by the output address signal of the counter 33. At the
20 same time, a read out datum from a first bit output
terminal $\overline{O1}$ of the RAM 29 is supplied to a second bit
input terminal D2 of the latch circuit 28, and the datum
from a second bit output terminal Q2 of the latch circuit
28 is supplied to a second bit input terminal I2 of the
25 RAM 29 and the shift register 37. Similarly, the datum
from the second bit output terminal $\overline{O2}$ of the RAM 29 is
supplied to a third bit input terminal D3, and the datum
from a third bit output terminal Q3 of the latch circuit
28 is supplied to the shift register 37.

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In the case where the datum obtained from the first bit
output terminal Q1 of the latch circuit 28 is the datum d_K
of the dot K shown in FIG.1A, for example, the data

1. obtained from the second and third bit output terminals Q2 and Q3 of the latch circuit 28 are the data d_J and d_I of the dots J and I, respectively.
- 5 The shift register 37 is supplied with the second clock pulse to a load terminal LD thereof and is supplied with the first clock pulse to a clock terminal CLK thereof. As a result, the shift register 37 converts the 3-bit parallel datum from the latch circuit 28 into 1-bit serial
- 10 data and supplies the 1-bit serial data to the shift register 38. The shift register 38 is supplied with the first clock pulse to a clock terminal CLK thereof, and hence produces a 9-bit parallel datum related to one dot and the eight surrounding dots. For example, the 9-bit
- 15 parallel datum is made up of the data d_A through d_C , d_E through d_G , and d_I through d_K of the dots A through C, E through G, and I through K shown in FIG.1A. In this case, the data of the center dot F and the and the eight surrounding dots A through C, E, G, and I through K are
- 20 simultaneously obtained from the 9-bit parallel datum. The 9-bit parallel datum is supplied to the ROM 18a through the latch circuit 39 which is supplied with the second clock pulse to a clock terminal CLK thereof.
- 25 The ROM 18a pre-stores therein in the form of a table the optimum printing areas of the dots which are dependent on the dot patterns and are obtained by the simulation and the calculation described before. In other words, the table contains the optimum printing area of the center dot
- 30 in the dot pattern for all of the dot patterns. An embodiment of the contents of a ROM table (the table pre-stored in the ROM 18a) for the present embodiment is shown in FIG.8. In FIG.8, access is made to the ROM table

1 by designating a table address described by a_1 through a_9 .
 In the case where the center dot is the dot F shown in
 FIG.1A, the table address is designated by the data d_A
 through d_C , d_E through d_G , and d_I through d_K of the dots A
 5 through C, E through G, and I through K. That is, the
 table address ($a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9$) in this
 case is equal to the parallel dot datum ($d_A, d_B, d_C, d_E,$
 d_F, d_G, d_I, d_J, d_K). Thus, when the parallel dot datum is
 equal to (1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1) as shown in FIG.1B,
 10 an optimum printing area "3" is read out from the ROM
 table for the dot F, where "3" indicates the large
 printing area described before.

Similarly, when the center dot is the dot J shown in
 15 FIG.1A, the table address ($d_E, d_F, d_G, d_I, d_J, d_K, d_M, d_N,$
 d_O) in this case is equal to (0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1)
 in the case of the dot data shown in FIG.1B, and an
 optimum printing area "1" is read out from the ROM table
 for the dot J, where "1" indicates the small printing area
 20 described before. When the center dot is the dot N, the
 table address in this case is equal to (0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1,
 0, 0, 1), and an optimum printing area "0" is read out
 from the ROM table for the dot N, where "0" indicates the
 zero printing area. Further, when the center dot is the
 25 dot S, the table address is equal to (0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0,
 1, 1), and an optimum printing area "2" is read out from
 the ROM table, where "2" indicates the medium printing
 area described before. Therefore, because the optimum
 printing area of each dot is read out from the table
 30 within the ROM 18a and is supplied to the printer 19, it
 is possible to print a satisfactory picture in which no
 unnaturally-looking lines exist and oblique lines in the
 picture are smoothened as may be seen from FIG.1C.

1 In the embodiments described heretofore, it is assumed
that the printing area of one dot is determined by the 3 x
3 dot pattern which is formed by the one dot and the eight
surrounding dots. However, the printing area of one dot
5 may be determined by an m x n dot pattern such as 3 x 5
and 5 x 5 dot patterns, where m and n are odd numbers. In
addition, more than four kinds of printing areas may be
used for printing the dots. In this case, it is possible
to further improve the smoothness with which the oblique
10 lines in the picture are printed.

According to the picture information processing system of
the present invention, in the case where an output device
having the same resolution as that of an output device
15 employed in a conventional picture information processing
system is employed, it is possible to obtain a picture
which looks extremely smooth and natural compared to the
picture obtained in the conventional case.

20 In the embodiments described before, the picture elements
constituting one picture are respectively printed by use
of one dot. However, the present invention is also
applicable to a system which divides one picture element
into a matrix of a plurality of dots and describes one
25 picture element by the dot matrix. For example, in the
case where one picture element is to be divided into a 3 x
3 dot matrix and processed, the picture elements shown in
FIG.1A are respectively divided into the 3 x 3 dot matrix
and printed as shown in part in FIG.9. In this case, the
30 picture element J is described and printed by dots J1
through J9. Hence, by determining the optimum printing
area of the dot J5 according to the dot pattern formed by
the dots J1 through J9 in a manner similar to that

1 described before, each dot can be printed with the optimum
printing area. In this case, a printer having a
relatively high resolution is required, but on the other
hand, it is possible to obtain a printed picture in which
5 the oblique lines are extremely well smoothened.

Further, the present invention is not limited to these
embodiments, but various variations and modifications may
be made without departing from the scope of the present
10 invention.

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1 Claims:

1. A picture information processing system characterized in that there are provided: first memory means (13)
5 supplied with data of dots constituting one picture which is to be printed for storing the data; address generating means (14, 17, 15) for generating an address signal for reading out from said first memory means a datum of one dot and data of a predetermined number of dots surrounding
10 said one dot, said address generating means supplying said address signal to said first memory means; data converting means (16) supplied with the data read out from said first memory means for converting the read out data into a parallel datum; and second memory means (18) supplied with
15 the parallel datum from said data converting means for pre-storing a table containing printing data, said table being accessible by a table address, said printing data each describing an optimum printing area with which a center dot of a dot pattern formed by the center dot and
20 the predetermined number of dots surrounding the center dot should be printed depending on the dot pattern, so that an oblique line in the picture is smoothened and printed as a smooth oblique line, said table containing a printing datum describing the optimum printing area with
25 which the center dot should be printed for all of dot patterns which can be formed by the center dot and the predetermined number of surrounding dots, said parallel datum from the data converting means being used as said table address to make access to said table and read out
30 from said second memory means a printing datum describing the optimum printing area with which said one dot should be printed.

- 1 2. A picture information processing system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that said address generating
means comprises a pulse generating circuit (15) for
generating a first clock pulse, a frequency divider (17)
5 for producing a second clock pulse by frequency-dividing
said first clock pulse, and an address generating circuit
(14) for successively generating an address signal for
reading out from said first memory means the data of said
one dot and said predetermined number of dots surrounding
10 said one dot at least responsive to said second clock
pulse, said data converting means converting the data read
out from said first memory means into said parallel datum
responsive to said first and second clock pulses.
- 15 3. A picture information processing system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that there are further provided
synchronizing signal separating means (11) supplied with a
composite video signal describing the picture which is to
be printed for separating synchronizing signals from the
20 composite video signal and for supplying the separated
synchronizing signals to said address generating means,
and analog-to-digital converting means (12) supplied with
an output video signal of said synchronizing signal
separating means for converting the video signal into a
25 digital video signal, said digital video signal being
supplied to said first memory means as the data of the
dots constituting the picture which is to be printed.
- 30 4. A picture information processing system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that said dot pattern is formed
by an $m \times n$ dot matrix, where m and n are odd numbers.
5. A picture information processing system as claimed in

- 1 claim 1, characterized in that said optimum printing area
is one of four kinds of areas, said four kinds of areas
being a large area, a medium area, a small area, and zero.
- 5 6. A picture information processing system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that each dot corresponds to one
of picture elements constituting one picture.
- 10 7. A picture information processing system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that a dot group constituted by
an $N \times N$ dot matrix corresponds to one of picture elements
constituting one picture, where N is an integer.
- 15 8. A picture information processing system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that said second memory means
comprises a read only memory (18a).
- 20 9. A picture information processing system as claimed in
claim 1, characterized in that said first memory means
comprises a random access memory (27) for storing the data
of the dots corresponding to one picture, and means (28,
29) supplied with the data read out from said random
access memory from addresses designated by the output
address signal of said address generating means and for
25 serially supplying the read out data to said data
converting means with a predetermined sequence.

FIG. 1A

A	E	I	M	Q	U
B	F	J	N	R	V
C	G	K	O	S	W
D	H	L	P	T	X

FIG. 1B

1	0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	1	1

FIG. 1C

2	0	0	0	0	0
1	3	1	0	0	0
0	0	1	3	2	2
0	0	0	0	1	2

FIG. 2A

0	0	0
0	1	1
1	1	1

FIG. 2B

0	0	0
1	1	1
1	1	1

FIG. 2C

1	1	0
0	1	0
0	1	1

FIG. 3

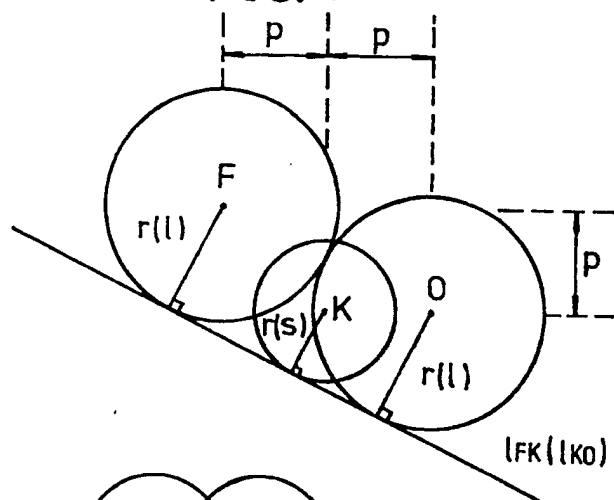


FIG. 4

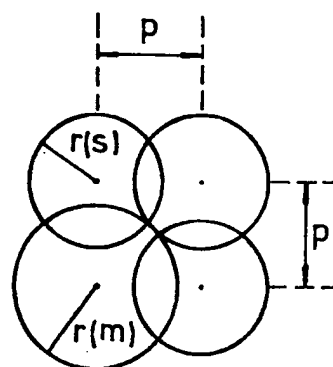


FIG. 5A

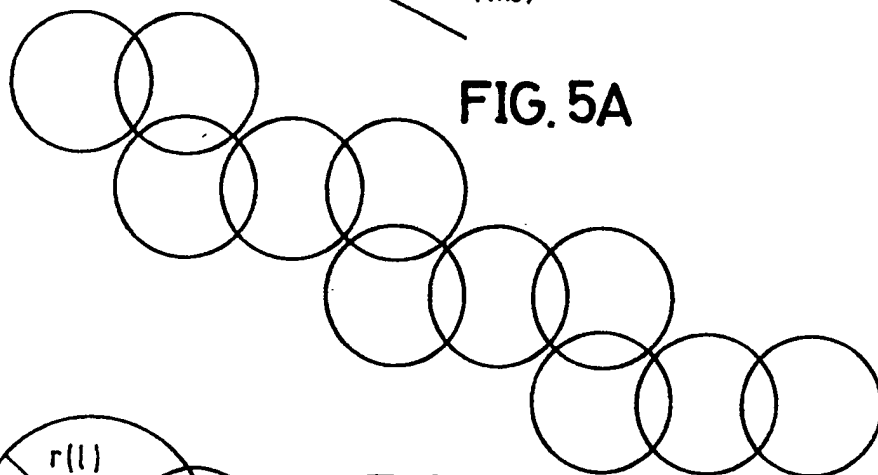


FIG. 5B

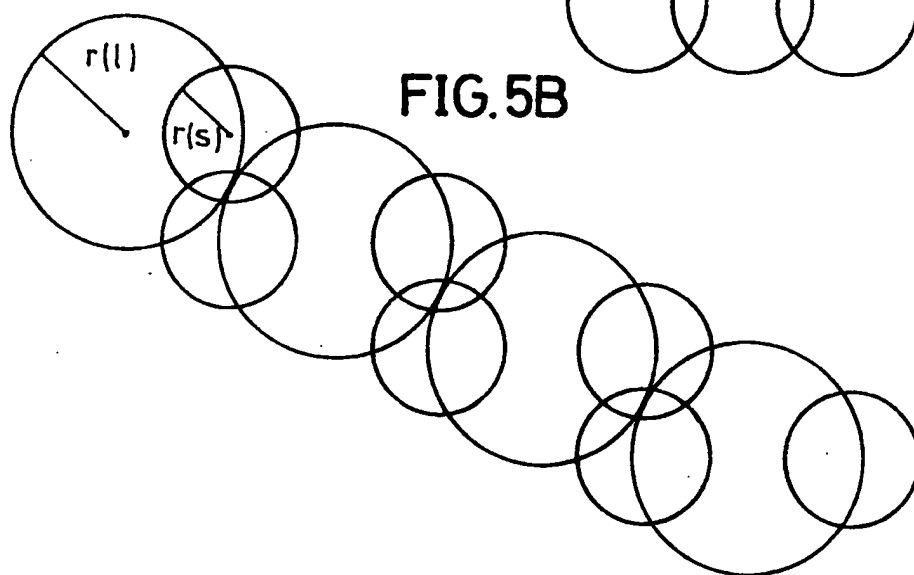


FIG. 6

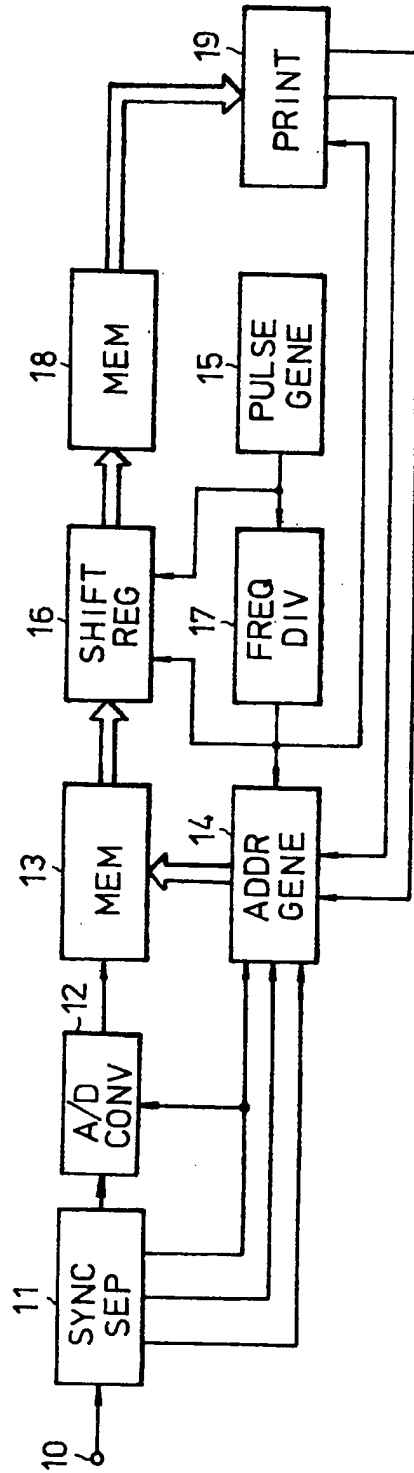


FIG. 9

E9	I3	I6	I9	M3	M6
F7	J1	J4	J7	N1	N4
F8	J2	J5	J8	N2	N5
F9	J3	J6	J9	N3	N6
G7	K1	K4	K7	O1	O4

FIG. 7

